

Response to Comments

Comment Deadline: December 24, 2021 by 5:00 p.m.

Draft Waste Discharge Requirements for Dredged or Fill Discharges to Waters of the State
for
Arica Solar Project, Riverside County
Order R7-2022-0002

The responses to comments received during the public comment period are set forth below. Please contact Kai Dunn at (760) 776-8986 or Kai.Dunn@Waterboards.ca.gov with any questions.

Comment Letter #	Date	Commenter	
Email 1	12/17/2021	Aarty Joshi, Arica Solar, LLC Aarty.Joshi@clearwayenergy.com	
Comment #	Location in the WDRs	Comment	Staff Response
1	Cover Page	The Project Applicant is Arica Solar, LLC – please add a comma between “Solar” and “LLC”	The Project Applicant in the Order has been modified and shown as below. “Arica Solar, LLC”
2	Section VIII and Section H Compensatory Mitigation	Suggest consideration of language clarifying that preserved lands would consist of ephemeral desert wash, including desert dry wash woodland.	The first sentence of Section H.1.(page 17) a has been modified to add “desert dry wash woodland” and shown as below “... by preserving at least 90.3 acres of ephemeral desert wash including desert dry wash woodland by implementing the Draft Compensatory Mitigation Plan,...”
3	Section G Construction, Hazardous Materials, Condition 1	Please clarify what is meant by offsite (outside of jurisdictional areas? Outside of project fence line?). Suggest clarifying as follows: No toxic and/or hazardous materials shall be stored near or within wash/drainage areas. To the extent practicable, these materials shall be stored offsite and placed in appropriate secondary containment, or in a designated area (i.e. laydown area).	The second sentence of Section G. Hazardous Material (page 16) has been modified and shown as below “...in appropriate secondary containment, or in a designated area (i.e. laydown area). ”